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SUBJECT: FOREIGN ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS

WHEN CONVENIENT, PLEASE PASS ON TO THE SECRETARY THE
FOLLOWING LEGISLATIVE REPORT:

1. THE SENATE COMPLETED ACTION LAST WEEK ON THE FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATIONS BILL UNDER PRESSURE TO ADJOURN
AND IN THE FACE OF AN OFF-AGAIN ON-AGAIN ALLEN FILIBUSTER.
THE FINAL RESULT WAS SATISFACTORY.

2. THE KEY VOTE CAME ON DOLE'S ANTI-VIETNAM AMENDMENT
WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THAT NO AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS
TO INTERNATIONAL BANKS BE USED FOR LOANS TO VIETNAM,
CAMBODIA, LAOS, OR UGANDA. LAST TIME DOLE OFFERED A
SIMILAR AMENDMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS AUTHORIZATION BILL IN JUNE, IT WAS ADOPTED
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59-32. THIS TIME DOLE LOST 49-27 AS A RESULT OF INTENSE
LOBBYING EFFORT. AFTER THIS UPSET, SIMILAR DOLE AMEND-
MENTS COVERING CUBA, MOZAMBIQUE, AND ANGOLA WERE DEFEATED
BY VOICE VOTE.

3. THE SECOND KEY VOTE CAME ON AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD
5 CUT WHICH WAS DEFEATED 47-29.

4. THE ONLY MAJOR LOSS CAME ON AN ALLEN AMENDMENT, TO WHICH CHAIRMAN INOUE AGREED, TO CUT THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION FIGURE BY \$150 MILLION.

5. CONFERENCE WILL OCCUR AFTER THE RECESS, AND IS BOUND TO BE DIFFICULT. THE HOUSE BILL CONTAINS BOTH THE DOLE-TYPE INDIRECT AID PROHIBITIONS AND THE 5 ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUT. THE SENATE CONFEREES MAY FIND THAT THE PRICE OF REMOVING THE INDIRECT AID PROHIBITION FROM THE HOUSE BILL WILL BE COMING VERY CLOSE TO THE HOUSE FIGURE ON OVERALL ASSISTANCE LEVELS.

6. OTHER SENATE ACTIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

- A \$30 MILLION REDUCTION IN THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

- A \$2.6 MILLION REDUCTION IN THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION.

-HOUSE LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNICEF, UN EDUCATION AND TRADE PROGRAM FOR SOUTH AFRICA, THE UN NAMIBIA INSTITUTE, AND THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM WERE RETAINED. HELMS CUT THE HOUSE LIMIT ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DECADE FROM \$3.0 MILLION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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\$1.5 MILLION. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTED FOR ALL OTHER IO ITEMS.

- SENATOR CLARK'S PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE THE PRESIDENT WITH WAIVER AUTHORITY TO USE FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE OR ANGOLA WAS ACCEPTED WITH A VITIATING AMENDMENT BY SENATOR ALLEN REQUIRING THE PRIOR CONCURRENCE OF BOTH HOUSES.

- SENATOR KENNEDY'S AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ANY FUNDS TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO NICARAGUA WAS DEBATED AND WITHDRAWN.

- SENATOR KENNEDY'S AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE \$13 MILLION UNDER THE 1977 APPROPRIATION FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF TO ROMANIA WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

- SENATOR ALLEN'S PROPOSAL TO REDUCE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR USE IN SOUTH AFRICA REGIONAL PROGRAMS WAS NEVER RAISED. CHRISTOPHER

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